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1. GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD ADVISE ALEXANDER COHEN, WORLD THEATRE FESTIVAL, THAT NEW ZEALAND PROFESSIONAL THEATER IS OF HIGH STANDARD AND IS PRODUCING HIGH QUALITY NEW ZEALAND PLAYS WITH NEW ZEALAND ACTORS AND PRODUCERS.THERE ARE TWO COMPANIES OF EQUALLY HIGH STANDING AND THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II ARTS COUNCIL HAS UNDERTAKEN INITIAL DISCUSSIONS WITH DIRECTORS OF BOTH COMPANIES TO MAKE IMPARTIAL DECISION ON BEST PROGRAM. QEII ARTS COUNCIL COULD POSSIBLY SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL. POST BELIEVES NEW ZEALAND THEATER SHOULD BE REPRESENTED AT FESTIVAL AND THAT THIS INITIAL PLAN OF APPROACH IS BEST FOR LOCAL CONDITIONS. WILL ADVISE MR COHEN THROUGH YOU OF NAME AND ADDRESS SELECTED COMPANY WITHIN COMING MONTH.

2. VERY INTERESTED PLAN FOR VISITS BY DISINGUISHED AMERICAN GROUPS. THEATERS WOULD DEPEND ON TYPE OF THEATER GROUP BEING OFFERED. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NEEDED BUT SUITABLE THEATERS AVAILABLE FROM AUDIENCE CAPACITY 150 UPWARDS.
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